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COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

NEWSEY LETTERS BY REGULAR
CORRESPONDENTS.

News Items of Interest to Herald
Readers Ebb and Flow of the
Human Tide.

Lake View.

Mr. Nonus Pace, of Sumter, spent a few days with relatives last week. Mrs. L. C. Floyd and children have returned home after spending some time in North Carolina.

All the teachers from here with the exception of Miss Elsie Baker, attended the State Teachers' Meeting at Columbia.

Messrs. Joe and John McCormick of Florida were summoned here last week on account of the illness of their mother.

Mrs. Andrew Smith was taken to the hospital at Florence last week, also Mr. Vonnice Humphreys. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

The "Victory Pageant" given Sunday night in the interest of the Baptist "75 Million Campaign" was very instructive and was quite a success, when one realized that such a little time was devoted to practice.

A reception was given at the Baptist church on Friday night to the members. Refreshments were served and a good time was had.

Quite a number attended the Shriners' meeting at Florence from here. They all report a splendid time.

Misses Dinnie and Goldstein of Lumberton stopped over here one day last week en route for Florence to attend the Shriners' meeting.

Mr. Lawrence Elvington has sold his farm the past week and expects to build a home in town.

Mr. Bishop Grantham is having the lumber hauled to build his new home on the lot he recently purchased.

Friends and relatives were shocked and saddened when news was received here last week of the death of Mr. Eugene Norman and baby, both departing this life on the same day. Mr. Norman was away from home on business when he was taken suddenly ill and died before the physician arrived. Mrs. Norman sent a telegram to Mr. Norman telling of the baby's death and was waiting an answer when one came saying he, Mr. Norman, was dead. This makes the third death in the family in the last three months, as one of the children, twin to the dead baby, died at that time. Mr. Norman's home was in Conway, S. C. Interment was here in the Lake View cemetery.

Latta.

Latta, Nov. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Thompson of Little Rock were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Burden. Miss Nannie Gamie spent last week end in Mullins.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Smith of Hendersonville, N. C., spent last week in Latta with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Summerlin entertained at a course dinner on Tuesday evening.

Sion Alford of Black Mountain, N. C., has recently been a visitor in Latta.

Mrs. D. L. Cottingham of Savannah, accompanied by her little son, Dan, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ida Cottingham, and her sister, Mrs. O. J. Fenegan.

Mrs. A. J. Shine, of Faison, N. C., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Shine. Miss Hope Manning has returned home from a visit to her sister, Mrs. C. E. Bethea of Wilmington, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Caldwell of Lumberton, N. C., with their daughters, Misses Rosa, Lois and Christine spent the Thanksgiving season with Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Fenegan.

Mrs. C. F. Cottingham of Charleston is the guest of Miss Lyle Woodard.

Miss Beulah Lee of Summerton is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. E. G. Wells and children of Wilmington are visiting Mrs. Wells' mother, Mrs. S. Pope.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Fenegan with Dr. and Mrs. T. C. McGee and Mrs. Ada Edwards attended the Bennett-Hawkins wedding in Clio Thursday evening.

Miss Mattie Price is the week end guest of Mrs. W. J. Summerlin. Mrs. Addie McCutcheon entertained her missionary circle on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Dew last week visited Mrs. Dew's brother, Dr. Ralph Chappell of Bishopville.

Misses Elizabeth and Jennie Lee Dew are spending the week end at home in Latta.

Mrs. J. J. Tolar was at home to a number of her friends on Friday evening.

Minturn.

Mr. James McCormac a student of North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C., spent Thanksgiving at his home.

Miss Annie Henegan, Miss Charlton John and Prof. M. A. Wilson, attended the State Teachers' meeting at Columbia last week. They report a fine meeting.

Miss Isla Weatherly of Dillon spent the week end at her home.

Quite a few of the Minturn people attended the Bennett-Hawkins wedding in Clio Thursday evening.

Misses Kate Evans and Annie Weatherly attended the District

BIG DILLON BOY ATTRACTS ATTENTION.

Marvin Conner of Hamer Makes New
Yorkers Gasp When He Enters
Recruiting Station.

The following from the New York Journal will be of interest to Dillon county folks:

"The local army recruiting station received a recruit this morning who is not considered one of the smallest men to ever enlist in the army. He weighs only 245 pounds, is 6 feet, 2 1/2 inches tall, and is a frisky lad of 22 years. He answered to the name of Marvin Conner, and he says he is a blue blood tarheel from Hamer, Dillon county, South Carolina, never went to school a day in his life and can whip any man he ever saw."

Did Not Consider Him.

One of the orderlies at the recruiting office declared when Marion came up the stairs the steps swayed drunk and he had to squeeze through for an examination. When an average sized man stands beside him the comparison in sizes is ludicrous. When asked what size shoe he wore, he smiled and said the factories did not consider him when they made their lasts and he had to have his shoes specially made.

Special Permit.

"Marion enlisted at Florence, S. C. and was sent here to be transferred to the army educational center at Camp Upton, N. Y., where he will receive special training. As he is 77 pounds overweight for his height, a special order will have to be gotten to permit him to attend the school, but no difficulty is expected in securing the special order, as the young man is physically perfect and according to the examining office does not have a pound of excess fat on him."

DILLON COUNTY KEEPS CUP.

Wins Trophy Cup Third Time for Largest
Percentage of Teachers
Enrolled.

At the State Teachers' meeting in Columbia last week Dillon county was awarded the trophy cup offered for the largest percentage of teachers enrolled during the State Teachers' Association. The cup is awarded on a percentage basis according to the number of teachers in the county. Dillon sent a contingent of practically twenty-five per cent. of its teaching force to the convention, eighty in all.

Richland county had the largest enrollment insofar as actual numbers is concerned with 273. Charleston, Orangeburg, Laurens and other counties had large enrollments.

The total enrollment was approximately 1,070. Of this number over 800 were women. This makes the third consecutive year Dillon county has won the trophy cup for the largest attendance.

DR. DEW IN MISSOURI.

Palmyra (Mo.) Spectator.

Rev. J. H. Dew, who is assisting Rev. Truett in a meeting at the Baptist church, is one of the most interesting and convincing pulpits orators ever heard in Palmyra, and the church is crowded each night to its utmost capacity. There have already been about twenty additions to the church and interest is growing steadily. Rev. Dew's last sermon here will be Sunday night.

Christian Endeavor Convention in Dillon Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. J. E. Heriot and daughter Rita from Oswego spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. R. M. Evans.

A number of people from the surrounding communities enjoyed horse races at Mr. C. McLaurin's track last Thursday afternoon.

Miss Effie Evans spent the week end with Miss Mary Reece Hamer.

Fork.

Mrs. Coleen Bethea of Greensboro N. C., spent the Thanksgiving holidays at home.

Mr. Mahone Moody, Mrs. K. S. Carmichael, Misses Emma Carmichael and Kenneth Huggins and Mr. E. W. Fort attended the State Teachers' meeting in Columbia last week.

Miss Ida Booth of Lake View spent the week end with relatives here. Dr. N. N. Schofield and Messrs L. K. Bethea and J. L. McQueen attended the Shriners meeting in Florence last Thursday.

Mrs. Ruby Fort Carmichael and little Boyd Fort are visiting Mrs. T. W. Carmichael at Rowland.

Messrs. L. B. Fort, J. W. Moore and B. R. Roberts left Tuesday for Charleston where they are on the grand jury of the United States court.

Mr. and Mrs. Melton Rogers spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Simpson of Tatum, S. C.

Mrs. Mary Rogers is spending some time with Mrs. Foster Rogers at Smithsboro.

Kemper.

Miss Ruth Bryant of the Conservatory of Music, Fayetteville, spent Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bryant.

Miss Pearl Berry of Zion visited friends here last week.

Miss Ida Booth is spending some time with friends near Floydale.

Messrs. Thomas and John Rozier spent Thursday in Sellers.

Miss Teressa Berry of Latta spent Thanksgiving here with relatives.

Miss Etta Bryant of Floydale spent the week end at home.

Misses Ruth Kneese, Manna Ray and Oline Hayes attended the State Teachers' Meeting in Columbia last week.

BAPTISTS REPORT OVER SIX MILLION

South Carolina Has Oversubscribed Its Quota.
Dillon Church's Quota, \$16,000 Goes to
Something Over \$20,000.

The Baptists churches of South Carolina have passed the high water mark in the \$75,000,000 campaign which began last Sunday. The State's quota was \$6,000,000 and up to Tuesday afternoon subscriptions to the amount of \$6,153,098.30 had been reported, with many churches yet to hear from.

The quota of the Dillon Baptist church was \$16,000.00. Ten thousand of this amount was raised at the Sunday morning service, some of the individual subscriptions reaching \$2,500.00, and the campaign committee secured additional subscriptions Monday and Tuesday which brought the total up to something like \$20,000.00.

Twenty associations had gone above their respective quotas by Tuesday night and much more money was still to be reported. Eighteen associations had either made incomplete reports or not reported. Only three associations have so far failed to make any report whatsoever and out of the 18 not over the top the remaining churches to report will show the associations oversubscribed.

Leaders last night emphasized that every church in the state and every association will go over the top and stand on its own bottom. No money from one district will be counted upon the report of another and in this way it is necessary that every church raise its quota.

Drive Going Ahead.

While the amount asked of South Carolina has already been reached the drive continues unabated with enthusiasm running high. "Every member of the Baptist church in South Carolina must be reached before the end of the campaign next Sunday," the Rev. Thomas J. Watts, publicity director, said last night.

Mr. Watts, like many other leading members of the denomination, was very much pleased at the showing made and is confident the \$7,000,000 mark will have been reached by Sunday, the last day of the drive. Nothing will be able to stop the teams and canvassers throughout the week as the success becomes better. Mr. Watts pointed out, and renewed energy is expected to result from the success already shown.

The Greenville association continued to lead in the reports received last night running up her total to \$651,000. The Saluda association was

still second with \$445,000 on a quota of \$477,500. This district is expected to go over by today. The 10 associations already over the top are: Abbeville, Aiken, Barnwell, Broad River, Charleston, Chester, Chesterfield, Edgefield, Edisto, Fairfield, Florence, Greenville, Laurens, Moriah, Orangeburg, Reedy River, Ridge, Spartan, Union county and Welsh Neck. The remaining 18 associations are yet incomplete, but will all go over the top when final reports are made during the week.

Already Over.

The 20 associations already oversubscribed follow with the amounts by each: Abbeville \$350,000, Aiken \$100,000, Barnwell \$202,330, Broad River \$189,000, Charleston \$245,000, Chester \$143,000, Chesterfield \$54,352, Edgefield \$150,000, Edisto \$60,000, Fairfield \$297,000, Florence \$105,000, Greenville \$651,000, Laurens \$335,700, Moriah \$140,000, Orangeburg \$212,315, Reedy River \$124,000, Ridge \$310,000, Spartan \$279,000, Union county \$157,000, and Welsh Neck \$275,000. Many churches are yet to be heard from in these associations and when all reports are in the total will be largely increased.

Of the 18 associations not reporting anywhere near all churches, and consequently not reaching their quotas, the following figures were announced last night: Beavertown \$75,000, Carolina no report, Kershaw \$47,978, Lexington \$34,694, North Greenville \$75,000, North Spartanburg \$89,407, Pee Dee \$150,000, Pickens \$16,000, Piedmont \$32,000, Saluda \$445,000, Santee \$261,000, Sauldham no report, Savannah River \$96,665, Southeast \$65,000, Twelve Mile River, \$11,000, Wacamah \$40,000. Many churches are yet to send in figures in these associations and when reports are complete by the end of the week all 18 are expected to be over the top.

Leaders from all sections of the state have visited headquarters here during the past few days expressly to convey their thanks for the success of the drive and to tell of the enthusiasm in their districts. W. H. Hunt of Newberry, R. I. Corbett of Chester, Lee McB. White of Chester, B. E. Williams of Swansea, C. W. Jones of Denmark, S. T. Matthews of Greenville and others have visited the offices.

DILLON MAN HONORED.

R. S. Rogers Becomes Head of State
Teachers' Association.

Columbia Record.

R. S. Rogers, county superintendent of education of Dillon county, was elected president of the State Teachers' association at the final session of the association Saturday morning. Mr. Rogers is one of the best known men in the state and has built up the schools of Dillon county to a high state of efficiency. Dr. Josiah Morse of the University of South Carolina were elected vice presidents.

When the name of R. C. Burts of Rock Hill was suggested for reelection as secretary, Superintendent Burts asked that he be relieved from the duties. He stated that the duties were so heavy that he felt it his duty to resign in justice to his duties of superintendent as head of the Rock Hill city schools. The association voted to give Mr. Burts what clerical help he needed and refused to accept his resignation.

It was also voted to give W. E. Black, superintendent of the Lexington schools and treasurer of the association additional clerical help.

Both Superintendents, Burts and Rogers, were highly complimented upon their efficient work.

The following executive committee was named: First district, H. O. Strohecker, Charleston; second, George H. Webber, Beaufort; third, W. E. Black, Greenwood; fourth, J. Mann Greenville; fifth, J. H. Witherspoon, Gaffney; sixth, D. Lewis, Darlington; seventh, W. H. Hand, Columbia.

There are two "Superintendent W. E. Blacks" on the list of officers. The treasurer is from Lexington and the executive committeeman is from Greenwood. There is a third "Superintendent W. E. Black" in the state and a member of the association.

Josiah E. Hamer.

Bennettsville, Nov. 29.—Josiah E. Hamer died at his home at Tatum Thanksgiving, after an illness of several weeks. The funeral was held at Tatum at 10 o'clock Friday morning.

Mr. Hamer was 70 years old on November 24. He is survived by his wife and the following children: P. Eldon Hamer, J. Evans Hamer, Orin M. Hamer, Reese R. Hamer, Mrs. Martha Vanstory of Fayetteville, and Mrs. Olive Smith of Lynchburg.

Mr. Hamer was one of Marlboro county's best and most prominent citizens. For a number of years he was a member of the county board of registration and he held other responsible positions.

REV. EDWIN CALDWELL HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Car Plunges Into River and He Has
Difficulty in Extricating
Himself.

Rev. Edwin Caldwell, a former Dillon boy and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Caldwell, had a narrow escape one night last week when the car in which he was riding plunged into a deep river near Georgetown.

Mr. Caldwell was on his way to Georgetown where he was to hold a meeting. He had to cross a ferry and was told that the ferry was about a mile distant. He had gone only a few yards when the river loomed up in front of him. He applied the brakes but the car was on an incline and slid down the muddy embankment. It plunged into deep water and in a few moments the water was up to Mr. Caldwell's neck. It was a closed car and Mr. Caldwell tried to force the door open but the pressure of the water against it was too strong and he smashed the glass and made his escape. The hour was late and Mr. Caldwell found himself alone in the darkness with his car under 12 feet of water. He hailed and the ferryman on the opposite side of the river came over and took him to his shanty. Mr. Caldwell remained at the ferryman's shanty until next morning when help was secured and the car removed from the river.

TRAIN KILLS AGED NEGRO.

Miles Hagan, Aged 65, Fatally Injured by Northbound Freight.

Miles Hagan, a negro man about 65 years of age, was struck by the northbound local freight Thursday morning and died from his injuries the following day.

The accident occurred just below the Main street crossing about midway the freight station. The aged man was walking down the track and apparently did not see the approaching train. The train was running about 10 miles an hour and the engineer blew the whistle and the bell rang but Hagan did not look up. Two train hands riding on the cow-catcher and by-standers shouted at Hagan but he continued his slow pace down the track. One of the train hands on the cow catcher jumped off while the other remained on the engine.

The engine struck Hagan full in the right side, tossing him clear of the track. He was knocked unconscious. His right leg was almost severed near the ankle, while his right arm was crushed and broken in several places. Bystanders rushed to the old man's aid and it was with difficulty that he was held down until medical aid could be summoned. In his semi-conscious condition he kept saying that he wanted to get up and made repeated efforts to get upon his feet.

Just before Hagan was struck by the train he was at the Main street crossing plodding along with bowed head and a motor hand carrying section hands to work had to be stopped to avoid hitting him. The foreman of the section crew warned him not to walk on the tracks as the freight was seen approaching. The old man continued his journey down the railroad, however, and appeared to be totally oblivious of the approaching train.

Hagan was a very polite old man and had the respect of both white and black. For the past several years he had been a familiar figure on the streets, doing odd jobs whenever he could find light work.

He died the following day without regaining consciousness.

PEANUTS FROM CHINA.

Texas Mill Imports Ground Peas from Orient.

Marshall, Texas, Nov. 30.—Peanuts are being imported from China, by a Marshall oil mill owing to the demand for peanut oils. Several consignments already have been received from Shanghai, the nuts having been grown in Shantung.

The foreign peanuts are no better than the native product, according to local oil men, but they come already shelled and therefore are more easily and less expensive to handle. The Chinese nuts are about the size of the ordinary Spanish variety.

"Uncle Levi" Makes Fine Record.

Although 82 years of active life is behind him, "Uncle Levi" Jackson is Dillon county's oldest young man. His mind is active, his appetite is good and he sleeps well. This year "Uncle Levi" hangs up a record which few men ever attain, and which still fewer ever surpass. He has cultivated 9 acres of cotton land without extra help. Six acres were planted in cotton and three in grain. He says he used only 300 pounds of 8-3-0 and 100 pounds of soda. From the six acres of cotton he gathered seven bales weighing over 500 pounds each. This is a record which any man "Uncle Levi's" age should be proud of.

Services at the Methodist Church. Main street Methodist church, Dr. Watson B. Duncan, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Mr. W. H. Muller, superintendent, preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor. Morning subject: "Three Views of the Christ." Evening subject: "A Man's Invitation to His Brother-in-Law." Prayer service on Wednesday at 7 p. m. Teachers' Meetings on Saturday at 4 p. m. Public cordially invited to all services.

BEST WAY TO BEAT MEXICAN BOLL WEEVIL

FERTILIZE WELL, CULTIVATE
FAST AND SPACE CLOSE.

Essentials Which Have Been Proved
Effective by Experience in All
Boll Weevil States.

The Progressive Farmer says.

The boll weevil is now in every important cotton growing state, having this fall established itself in the Carolinas. Moreover, in nearly all sections where the weevil has been present this year, the damage has been exceptionally heavy, in some cases running as high as 80 or even 90 per cent. Damage has been severe in Texas, where the weevil has been for many years and where the seasons are favorable for the weevil it appears that the pest will always be on hand to take a goodly share of the cotton crop. In other words, the weevil is with us apparently for an indefinite stay, and if we would make cotton, the sooner we learn the essentials in doing so, the better for us. The following recommendations are based on ten years' study of this pest, plus years of actual cotton growing under weevil conditions. We place these essentials in the order of their importance:

I.—Plant on Rich Land, or Fertilize Liberally.

Beyond all question, rich land is of first importance in making cotton despite the weevil. Our rich valley and river lands are usually strong enough to make good cotton despite the weevil, if they are well drained. But even on these richer soils, fifty to seventy-five pounds per acre of nitrate of soda at planting time, to push the crop off rapidly will generally pay well.

On our thinner lands, fertilizers should be used heavily if cotton is to be grown at a profit. On such thin lands, if they have a good clay subsoil, we would recommend 300 pounds per acre of nitrate of soda and 300 to 400 pounds per acre of acid phosphate all applied at planting time. On soils with a good clay subsoil, potash probably will not be needed, and the tight subsoil, prevents any material leaching out of the nitrate. On deep sandy soils, 100 to 150 pounds per acre of kainit or its equivalent should be used to supply the potash needed, and since leaching is likely on such soils, it will be best to use one-third or one-half the nitrate at planting time, using the remainder as a side application the latter part of May or early in June. Where it can be had at a less cost per pound of nitrogen, sulphate of ammonia may be used in place of nitrate of soda.

The applications recommended may appear somewhat heavy, but on our average thin sandy and loamy soils we have good evidence that they are highly profitable.

II.—Practice Fast Shallow Cultivation.

The object of the heavy fertilization above recommended, of course, is to push the cotton so that it will make a fair crop ahead of the weevil; but if it is to be pushed to its utmost, rapid, shallow cultivation is scarcely less important than liberal fertilization. It is hard to lay down any set rules for cultivating any crop, because methods must be varied to suit seasonal conditions. But the aim should be to stir the soil early in the season, so as to kill all grass and weeds before they get a hold. Later, cultivations should be frequent and shallow, and grass and weeds should at all times be kept down. Ordinarily the clean, well cotton field has a good chance to make a crop despite the weevil.

III.—Space Cotton Closely.

The old advice to "space wide to let in the sunlight" has been proved worse than useless. Experiments all the way from Texas to Georgia, on pretty nearly every kind and grade of soil, have proved that close spacing uniformly gets the biggest yields. Generally, rows three feet wide and the cotton a hoe's width in the drill will be best. We doubt if under any conditions rows should be wider than three and one half feet. This may seem like close spacing, but we have abundant evidence to prove that it results in bigger yields of cotton. Poor stands of cotton, in our opinion, are very largely responsible for our low yields per acre. Let "three-foot rows and a hoe's width in the drill" be the aim.

The three points named above we consider of vital importance in making cotton despite the weevil, coming far ahead of the matter of varieties, picking weevils and squares, or poisoning. All these combined may, in a year like this has been, result in a paying crop of cotton; but they will come nearer to doing so than any other methods, and in average years they will result in profitable crops in most sections of the cotton belt.

Mr. S. A. Hamilton is critically ill at a Florence hospital and little hope is entertained for his recovery. Mr. Hamilton went to the hospital for an operation, and although the operation was performed and he recovered from the shock, a complication of diseases developed and the physicians have given up all hope of his recovery. His family has been summoned to his bedside.